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To whom it may concern:

It has come to my attention via the Cincinnati Enquirer that you are interested in viewers opinions on children's programming on television. I've written previously to one particular network, namely, Nickelodeon, in the past. It appears they have no plans to restructure their programming to better educate our nation's youth.

My husband and I accepted custody of our first grandchild, Jeff, when he was two years old, opting to adopt him several years later. Jeff is now going on thirteen. Though his values should be fairly well set he still can be strongly influenced by TV, especially when it has to do with attitudes. Nickelodeon, in my opinion, has the most innane and disrespectful programming I've witnessed for children. Granted, they are responsible for some thought provoking shows, such as, Hey Dude, and Nick at Night. Also, Mr. Wizard, Penner's Place and some of the other smaller children's shows are fine, but You Can't do that on Television and shows of its kind are degrading and demoralizing. Some children may never copy the obscene behavior I've witnessed, but there are undoubtedly many who copy any grossness they view on TV. I prefer to 'pull the plug' on such vulgarity, but how many parents even are aware such programs exist and of their content? Most parents haven't the time to sit down and view their childrens' favorite programs.

Also, I watched Ren and Stimpy one time and was dumbfounded at the content! This aired on Saturday night at nine or nine-thirty PM when most children are still awake. Many put down the Simpsons but I usually view it with Jeff and we discuss the behaviors of the family almost as if we were judge and jury. I could do this with all of his favorite shows, but I also have a life! For the most part, I'm quite satisfied with what Jeff watches. We both enjoy Family Matters, Home Improvement, Full House, Blossom, Brooklyn Bridge and Avonlea. But we also have two younger grandchildren, ages six and eight, and I'm very concerned about their viewing habits. The six year old loves Barney and friends. Bravo! But I fear they're going to be exposed to an all new era of non-quality viewing if things don't take a change for the better. In my opinion, the best has yet to come.